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**COMMENT on RM-11759**

In the matter of FCC PUBLIC NOTICE Report #3039. Dated February 22, 2016 regarding RM-11759, To amend part 97, submitted on behalf of the A.R.R.L. I wish to make comment. I am **IN AGREEMENT** with the ARRL filing because of the following reasons:

1. The rule making brings the band plan into agreement with International Regulations.
2. The proposed rule making is consistent with CFR47 part 97.1
  - (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.
  - (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.
  - (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.
3. Even amateurs opposed to losing some SSB spectrum at this time, agree we have more SSB spectrum than 20 years ago within the band; and that digital communication continue to evolve within the service. Plus Morse code is not dead. All amateurs agree with regard to the simplest low cost station, the mode of choice is CW. A transceiver can be built with 10 or so parts and a wire antenna. It is minimalist but will communicate.

**CONCLUSION:** The 75/80 meter band (3500-4000 Khz) continues to be a work horse band and is extremely popular. The Rule Making Request is Reasonable and provides "Good engineering practice"; and more than acceptable trade offs regarding all concerned. This filing needs to be approved.

Thank you for allowing me to comment in this regard,



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